

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of California American Water Company (U 210 W) for an order authorizing it to increase its rates for water service in its Monterey District to increase revenues by \$9,456,100 or 32.88% in the year 2006; \$1,894,100 or 4.95% in the year 2007; and \$1,574,600 or 3.92% in the year 2008; and for an order authorizing sixteen Special Requests with revenue requirements of \$3,815,900 in the year 2006, \$5,622,300 in the year 2007, and \$8,720,500 in the year 2008; the total increase in rates for water service combined with the sixteen Special Requests could increase revenues by \$13,272,000 or 46.16% in the year 2006; 7,516,400 or 17.86% in the year 2007; and \$10,295,100 or 20.73% in the year 2008.

Application 05-02-012
(Filed February 28, 2005)

In the Matter of the Application of California-American Water Company (U 210 W) for Authorization to Increase its Rates for Water Service in its Felton District to increase revenues by \$796,400 or 105.2% in the year 2006; \$53,600 or 3.44% in the year 2007; and \$16,600 or 1.03% in the year 2008; and for an order authorizing two Special Requests.

Application 05-02-013
(Filed February 28, 2005)

**ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE'S RULING SETTING
A PREHEARING CONFERENCE AND DIRECTING APPLICANT
TO FILE PREHEARING CONFERENCE STATEMENT**

This ruling sets a pre-hearing conference (PHC) for Tuesday, April 5, 2005 and directs California-American Water Company (Cal-Am) to file by March 25,

2005 a revised proposed procedural schedule. Interested parties are provided an opportunity to file PHC statements addressing the proposed schedule and scope of issues by March 30, 2005.

The Commission's and parties' ability to process Cal-Am's general rate case (GRC) filings on an expedited schedule will be discussed at the PHC. This proceeding is already approximately two months behind the normal filing schedule under which the Commission is committed to processing general rate cases for Class A water utilities.¹

Parties should file and serve their PHC statements under Article 2 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure in effect on the date of this ruling. The Commission will be revising Rule 2.3 on March 24, 2005; this revised rule, that governs electronic service of documents, will be effective for this proceeding after a new service list is created at the April 5 PHC.

¹ In D.04-06-018, the Commission adopted an expedited GRC schedule for the transitional first year filings under the new RCP. Specifically, for 2005, the RCP adopted a February 1 rather than January 1 filing date while retaining a projected completion date by the end of the calendar year. In setting this schedule, the Commission encouraged parties "to prepare complete documents with all needed supporting materials and to cooperate in processing these initial cases on this expedited basis." (*Id.* at 32.) Under this expedited schedule, Cal-Am was required to file and serve its GRC final applications for its Monterey, and Felton districts by February 1, 2005. Cal-Am did not file final applications with the Commission until February 16, 2005, and these filings were not served on the parties on its service list. On February 28, 2005, Cal-Am filed amended applications and served all parties. Notice of the amended applications appeared in the Commission's Daily Calendar on March 3, 2005, with protests due by April 4, 2005.

THEREFORE IT IS RULED that:

1. A prehearing conference shall be held at 10:00 a.m. on April 5, 2005 in the Commission's San Francisco hearing room at 505 Van Ness Avenue, San Francisco, California.
2. Cal-Am shall file a revised proposed procedural schedule on March 25, 2005.
3. Interested parties may file pre-hearing conference statements addressing the revised proposed schedule and the scope of issues contained in the applications by March 30, 2005.

Dated March 21, 2005, at San Francisco, California.

/s/ CHRISTINE M. WALWYN

Christine M. Walwyn
Administrative Law Judge

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that I have by mail, and by electronic mail, to the parties to which an electronic mail address has been provided, this day served a true copy of the original attached Administrative Law Judge's Ruling Setting a Prehearing Conference and Directing Applicant to file Prehearing Conference Statement on all parties of record in this proceeding or their attorneys of record.

Dated March 21, 2005, at San Francisco, California.

/s/ JANET V. ALVIAR

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N O T I C E

Parties should notify the Process Office, Public Utilities Commission, 505 Van Ness Avenue, Room 2000, San Francisco, CA 94102, of any change of address to insure that they continue to receive documents. You must indicate the proceeding number on the service list on which your name appears.

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TTY 1-866-836-7825 or (415) 703-5282 at least three working days in advance of the event.